

REMARKS

First, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on **February 20, 2004** and **December 20, 2005**, and respectfully requests the Examiner, the Examiner's next communication to acknowledge receipt and consideration of the Statements by returning, with the Examiner's next communication, initialed copies of the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B attached to these Statements. Also, see the "Request for..." filed **November 22, 2005**.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in view of the above amended and new claims which correct the allegedly indefinite phrases identified by the Examiner. Per the Examiner's instruction, Applicant also reviewed the language of the claims but did not find that they are "replete with grammatical...errors"; however, the above amended and new claims have improved syntax and employ American English idiom.

Applicant does not understand exactly what the Examiner means by "make sure the language of each claim meets "current U.S. practice", but Applicant's undersigned attorney respectfully submits that the presently pending claims meets such "practice", reminding the Examiner that the MPEP permits the steps of a method claim to be written either in the active or the passive verb voices, and requires examination of the subject matter of claims to avoid "piecemeal examination" even though the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, based on alleged indefiniteness.

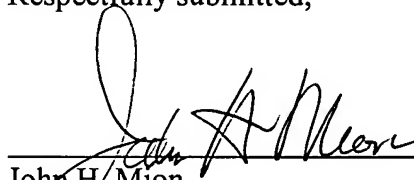
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 10/728,091

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If the Examiner feels that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has not been overcome, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to **call the undersigned attorney** to expedite the disposition of the application and also to discuss any other issues which may be outstanding.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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